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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Transmitted herewith for filing in the present application are the following documents:

Response to Notice to File Missing Parts (1 page);

Copy of Notice to File Missing Parts (2 pages);

Executed Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney (3 pages);

Seven (7) Sheets of Substitute Drawings (Figures 1-9);

Check #10770 in the amount of \$65.00; and

Return Postcard.

Applicant believes that no additional fees are due in connection with this submission. However, the Commissioner is authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any deficiencies to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 24219-001CIP2. A duplicate copy of this Transmittal Letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS

This is in response to the Notice To File Missing Parts dated September 28, 2001. Applicant submits herein a copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts, an executed Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney, and seven (7) sheets of substitute drawings, including Figures 1 to 9. Applicant also submits a check in the amount of \$65.00, payment of the surcharge for late filing as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.16(e). Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 24219-001.

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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(I) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 65.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
 - drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. (5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);

A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the reply.

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